

RETIRED ARMY OFFICER DUE RECALL TO ACTIVE SERVICE AS OF JULY 1

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Review Of Berlin Plan- ning Reported To Be His First Task

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Washington, June 26—President Kennedy today announced the appointment of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former Army chief of staff, to be his personal adviser with the title of "military representative of the President."

The professional Army officer, who has been retired for two years, will be recalled to active service on July 1 and assume his new duties on that date.

Immediately following the ill-fated Cuban invasion, Mr. Kennedy asked General Taylor to make a personal survey of American intelligence. This has been completed and his report has been given to the President.

"No Command Authority"

In his new post, the White House said, Taylor, who is 59 years old, "will assist the President as an adviser and staff officer primarily within the military and intelligence fields.

"He will have no command authority but will have access to all information necessary for the discharge of his responsibilities to the President."

Military experts believe General Taylor to be the ideal man for the job for which he was selected by the Commander in Chief.

Point To Experience

They point to his four years' experience as chief of staff—1955 to 1959—plus what they term his extraordinary record both as wartime division commander and as a high-level administrator, negotiator and planner.

It also was recalled that he fought the Eisenhower Administration to obtain modernization of the Army and for getting the country prepared for limited, as well as nuclear warfare.

It was learned authoritatively that his first task will be to review for the President the planning now being done concerning the problem of Berlin. When he has completed this study he will submit his recommendations to Mr. Kennedy.

CIA Job Ruled Out

It also was learned that there is no intention of appointing General Taylor to head the Central Intelligence Agency, as some reports have had it since that agency has been roundly criticized for its role in the Cuban fiasco.

Allen W. Dulles, present CIA director, is expected to retire in the fall.

In further explaining the officer's new position, the White House asserted that "as military representative" he will be "staff officer advising and assisting the President with regard to those military matters which reach him as Commander in Chief of the armed forces."

However, it was stated, "in his new role, General Taylor will not be interposed between the President and any of his statutory ad-

visers or advisory bodies such as the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the National Security Council."

Neither will he be "interposed between the President and the CIA," Pierre Salinger, the President's press secretary, added on his own.

"But he will maintain close liaison with them and give his personal views to assist the President in reaching decisions," the White House said.

In the intelligence field, the statement continued, Taylor "will have the responsibility of watching the functioning of the intelligence apparatus of the Government to assure the President it meets the future needs of the Government."

"He will work closely in working with the President's foreign intelligence advisory board and verify that maximum use is made of its recommendations," it went on.

Taylor also will be available to represent the President when the latter desires senior military representation at home or abroad, the White House added.

A somewhat similar post was held at the White House by Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy, who was "chief of staff to the Commander in Chief" from 1942 to 1949, serving under presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

Graduated 4th In Class

Taylor is a native of Keyesville, Mo., and graduated fourth in the Class of 1922 from West Point.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his book "Crusade in Europe," tells of sending him "to Rome behind enemy lines" before the invasion of Italy in 1943, and says:

"The risks he took were greater than I asked any of my staff or emissaries to undertake during the war. . . . He carried out his responsibilities and came back with unerring accuracy and every man's respect."

danger of discovery and death."

Besides participating as an airborne division commander in the liberation of Europe, Taylor was commander of the 8th Army in Korea when the fighting stopped there, and later became commander in chief of both the United States Far East Command and the United Nations Command.

After his retirement in October, 1959, he was chairman of the board, Mexican Light and Power Company for a year, and since January of this year he has been president of the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts in New York City.